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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #1

EASTERN DISTRICT: The Eastern District excluding waters outside of the Bear Lake Special Harvest Area (SHA) will open for the 2013 season on Monday, May 20 with a fishing period from 6:00 AM that morning until 10:00 PM the following Sunday occurring for Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) hatchery cost recovery. Commercial common property fishing in all waters of the Eastern District remains CLOSED. A schedule of 6:00 am Monday through 10:00 pm Sunday cost recovery only fishing periods will continue until further notice. Hatchery effort and harvest, as well as escapement, will be closely monitored inseason to assess progress towards achieving established goals. Daily catch reports are mandatory, and processors purchasing Resurrection Bay hatchery-caught fish are required to phone or fax their catch reports to the Homer ADF&G office on a DAILY basis.

Vessels participating in the Resurrection Bay hatchery cost recovery opening are advised that closed waters will be the same as those used for the commercial seine fishery during the last thirteen seasons. All waters along the western shore of Resurrection Bay west of a line from the old military dock pilings north of Caines Head to a marker near the Seward Airport will remain closed to seining. In addition, markers posted near the Resurrection River mouth continue to remain in effect again this year, and fishing will be allowed up to the markers. Hatchery seiners are also reminded that, by regulation, Chinook and coho salmon may not be taken in any waters of Resurrection Bay since these species are allocated to the recreational fishery.

The Resurrection Bay commercial sockeye salmon fishery will be managed with the intent of achieving the CIAA cost recovery goal as well as meeting hatchery and wild stock escapement needs. Additionally, the department will be managing all Cook Inlet SHAs with the intent of achieving the CIAA established financial and broodstock objectives. CIAA has established an overall revenue goal of \$2.4 million in 2013. Total estimated market value of the CIAA return to LCI is \$1.4 million is shown below.

Table 1. Estimated 2013 total CIAA produced sockeye and pink salmon returns and projected cost recovery value.

Salmon species	Release location	Anticipated total return	Broodstock	Avg wt	Est \$/lb	Est. total cost recovery value
Sockeye	Resurrection Bay	70,666	4,258	5.7	\$1.85	\$700,272
Sockeye	other sites combined	90,848	6,646	4	\$1.30	\$437,850
Pink	Tutka Lagoon	244,653	130,000	3.2	\$0.35	\$128,411
Pink	Halibut Cove	94,380	0	3.2	\$0.35	\$105,706
Anticipated total return value						\$1,372,240

SHAs may be opened to commercial common property seining for sockeye or pink salmon in 2013 if the CIAA revenue and brood goals are achieved or if their attainment can be projected.

The Bear Lake Special Harvest Area is defined as marine waters of Resurrection Bay north of the latitude of Caines Head at 59° 58.93' N. latitude, and including the fresh waters of Bear Creek, Salmon Creek and Resurrection River downstream from and including the Bear Creek weir.

Vessels participating in the CIAA cost recovery fishery should note that the Memorial Day holiday occurs on Monday, May 27, and a large recreational fleet will likely be present in Resurrection Bay on that day. Although mostly minimal interaction between the recreational and seine user groups has occurred during past seasons, seiners are advised that the Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan specifically directs the department to manage the commercial fishery in a manner that does not interfere with the recreational fishery. The staff is reliant on the voluntary cooperation of the seine fleet to comply with this regulation if conflicts arise.

Closed waters as established by emergency order 2-F-H-001-12 on May 1, 2013 are listed below:

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. (a) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters listed in this section.

(d) Southern District

- (1) northeast of a line from a point at 59° 44.43' N. lat., 151° 02.80' W. long., to a point on the shore one-half statute mile southwest of the terminus of Swift Creek at 59° 47.15' N. lat., 151° 05.45' W. long.;
- (2) waters of China Poot Bay south and east of a line beneath the Homer Electric Association power line from a point on the north shore of the north arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.92' N. lat., 151° 15.42' W. long., to a point on the peninsula between the north and south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.47' N. lat., 151° 15.71' W. long., to a point on the south shore of the south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.21' N. lat., 151° 16.46' W. long.;
- (3) waters of Sadie Cove south of 59° 30.00' N. lat.;
- (4) waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 25.50' N. lat.;
- (5) waters of Jakolof Bay south of 59° 28.07' N. lat.;
- (6) waters of Seldovia Bay south of a line from 59° 25.09' N. lat., 151° 42.57' W. long., to 59° 24.84' N. lat., 151° 43.06' W. long.;
- (7) waters of Port Graham Bay south of 59° 20.44' N. lat.;
- (8) Northshore Subdistrict.
- (e) Kamishak Bay District
 - (1) waters of Cottonwood Bay west of a line from 59° 38.39' N. lat., 153° 39.41' W. long., to 59° 37.68' N. lat., 153° 39.51' W. long.;
 - (2) Waters of Chenik Lagoon south and west of 59° 13.42' N. lat., 154° 07.32' W. long.;
 - (3) Waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from 59° 46.05' N. lat., 153° 27.82' W. long., to 59° 46.69' N. lat., 153° 26.01' W. long.;
 - (4) Waters of Right Arm in Iniskin Bay east of a line from 59° 43.93' N. lat., 153° 22.83' W. long., To 59° 42.90' N. lat., 153° 22.86' W. long.;
 - (5) Waters of Ursus Cove west of a line from 59° 32.43' N. lat., 153° 46.06' W. long., to 59° 31.20' N. lat., 153° 45.74' W. long.;
- (f) Outer District
 - (1) waters of Port Chatham east of a line from 59° 13.32' N. lat., 151° 43.41' W. long., to 59° 12.59' N. lat., 151° 43.55' W. long.;
 - (2) waters of Windy Bay west of 151° 32.85' W. long.;
 - (3) waters of Taylor Bay north of 59° 18.00' N. lat.;
 - (4) waters of Tacoma Cove and Sunday Harbor east of 151° 01.15' W. long.;
 - (5) waters of Koyuktolik (Dogfish Bay) east of a line from 59° 14.45' N. lat., 151° 52.72' W. long., to 59° 14.25' N. lat., 151° 52.90' W. long.;
 - (6) waters of Chugach Bay west of a line from 59° 11.36' N. lat., 151° 37.57' W. long., to 59° 11.03' N. lat., 151° 37.25' W. long.;
 - (7) waters of Rocky Bay inshore of a line from 59° 14.92' N. lat., 151° 23.82' W. long., to 59° 14.72' N. lat., 151° 23.32' W. long.;
 - (8) waters of Port Dick west of a line from 59° 18.16' N. lat., 151° 17.33' W. long., to 59° 18.60' N. lat., 151° 17.10' W. long.;
 - (9) waters of Middle Creek north of a line from 59° 18.18' N. lat., 151° 12.13' W. long., to 59° 18.08' N. lat., 151° 13.13' W. long.;
 - (10) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 17.09' N. lat., 151° 08.78' W. long., to 59° 17.11' N. lat., 151° 08.30' W. long. and inshore of a line from 59° 17.04' N. lat., 151° 08.06' W. long., to 59° 16.88' N. lat., 151° 07.15' W. long., and including the waters northwest of the island between these two lines;
 - (11) waters of McCarty Fjord north of a line from 59° 37.52' N. lat., 150° 19.18' W. long., to 59° 37.03' N. lat., 150° 17.01' W. long.;
 - (12) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.76' N. lat., by 150° 20.20' W. long. to a point offshore of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.45' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long., to a point south of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 31.90' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long.;
 - (13) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 35.02' N. lat., by 150° 17.86' W. long. to a point south of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 34.68' N. lat., by 150° 17.95' W. long.,
- (g) Eastern District
 - (1) waters of Resurrection Bay west of a line from a point near the old military dock pilings on the west shore of Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head at 60° 00.48' N. lat., 149° 24.20' W. long., to a point near the Seward Airport at 60° 07.49' N. lat., 149° 24.72' W. long.;
 - (2) king and coho salmon may not be taken in waters of Resurrection Bay north of a line from Cape Resurrection (59° 52.00' N. lat., 149° 16.71' W. long.) to Aialik Cape (59° 42.39' N. lat., 149° 31.29' W. long.);
 - (3) waters of Aialik Bay north of 59° 53.47' N. lat.
- (h) In any bay, estuary, slough, or lagoon less than 300 feet in width at mean low tide.
- (i) In all other streams or rivers within 500 yards of the terminus or as specified in 5AAC 39.290.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, May 24.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.